

Kaipara District Council

Council Briefing Minutes

Date: Wednesday 7 October 2020
Time: 9:32 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Mangawhai Domain, 75 Moir Street, Mangawhai

Members Present: Mayor Jason Smith
Deputy Mayor Anna Curnow
Councillor Jonathan Larsen
Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock
Councillor Mark Vincent
Councillor Peter Wethey
Councillor David Wills
Councillor Eryn Wilson-Collins
Apologies: Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki
Councillor David Wills (lateness)

Mayor Smith opened the meeting with a Karakia.

1. Presentation from Te Tai Tokerau Water Storage

Andrew Carvell (Project Manager, Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust) and Murray McCully (Chair, Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust) presented the item.

The following matters were raised:

- Background information was provided on the purpose, plans, and work programmes of the Trust
- Locations of water storage facilities was discussed
- Resource consent lodgements on two sites, and their notifying and engagement were outlined
- Soil classes and other Geotech matters were explained. It was noted that there could be several opportunities to develop water storage in Northland

[Secretarial note: Councillor Wills entered the meeting 9:55 am]

- The network of dams and piping for wide accessibility in the future was discussed
- Possible future operations functions and governance structures were discussed in the context of the Local Government Sector in Northland and nationally

- It was noted that more information will be made available as more funding is secured and projects can be confirmed.

Council direction:

- Make more information available to the public on the project where possible
- Continue as presented.

2. Sub-Regional Spatial Plan – engagement outcomes

Paul Waanders (District Planner) and (Joao Machado, A&R Consultants) presented this item.

[Secretarial note: Councillor Wills declared a conflict of interest in this item].

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that the final document will include all spatial plans, with a draft to go to the November Council Briefing for feedback, and the December Council meeting for adoption
- It was emphasised that the final document would reflect the feedback gained from previous briefings and community consultation sessions
- The possible name for the final document was discussed. It was noted that the word ‘district’, as in ‘Kaipara District Spatial Plan with the aspirational phrase currently in Māori be translated to English or potentially a subtitle
- Land use in the District was discussed. It was noted that there is a need to consider high class soils outlined in the Regional and National Policy Statements.

Council direction:

- The plan title must have the word ‘District’: “Kaipara District Spatial Plan – Nga...”
- Include the aspirational word in English or as a subtitle
- That there be one document for all plans as outlined, with summaries for larger centres referring to full versions
- Future consultations are to include schools for youth viewpoints to be incorporated.
- Officers to ensure there is a process for feeding back to communities on decisions made to include or exclude their suggestions
- That Hakaru is to have a limited agriindustrial area, with other industry be directed to Kaiwaka or Mangawhai.

Action point:

- Councillors were asked to send any specific comment, errors or omissions regarding maps through to Paul Waanders for processing by Monday 9am, 12 October 2020.

The Briefing adjourned for 11.35 am.

The Briefing reconvened at 11.50 am.

3. Reserve Management Plans - proposed work programme

Mark Schreurs (Policy Analyst) and Hamish Watson (Park and Recreation Manager) presented the item.

The following matters were raised:

- Timelines for public consultation were provided
- The inclusion of biodiversity in the Rural category was raised as a concern. It was noted that the matter would be included in any future plans
- There were discussions around the plans, and they relate to reference to by-laws, funding models, park management, park status, and other matters such as dog control
- It was emphasised that there is a need for clear, measured, and meaningful engagement with the community on the future of parks and open spaces in the District
- It was emphasised that there is a need a need for clear definitions about parks and reserves, and what this means for communities
- It was noted that there is a need for effective and fit for purpose documentation and planning for parks and reserves in the District
- The need to avoid consultation fatigue was discussed and emphasised.

Council direction:

- Council asserted that communication with the community needs to clearly state what reserves are included and excluded from the plans
- Council confirmed to proceed with review Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plans
- Council confirmed to proceed with the omnibus as one document, ensure it is aligned and to get the 'lens' right
- Councillors were not certain at this stage on aligning the consultation processes.
- Council confirmed that there is no need to finish a review before starting others, that they can run concurrently.

The Briefing adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm.

The Briefing reconvened at 1.02pm.

4. Contract 706 - Transfer Station Management Renewal

Donna Powell (Waste Minimisation Lead) presented the item.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that there are opportunities to be more economical and utilise waste minimisation tools with the coming expiry of contracts
- Hamilton and Raglan waste minimisation programmes were explained, and possible alignments noted
- Income generation opportunities from waste was discussed. It was noted that opportunities could be generated through collaboration with contractors, or others in the public and private sectors
- Waste minimisation in the context of Central Government policy and regulation was discussed. It was noted that there is a need to futureproof where possible to mitigate any possible risks and to innovate
- The need to communicate the goals and approaches of waste minimisation clearly was emphasised
- Composting connected to sludge management and the benefit from economies of scale was discussed.

Council Direction:

- Proceed in this direction with more in-depth budget and planning, particularly with initiatives that result in no cost.

Mayor Smith closed the Briefing with a Karakia.

The Briefing closed at 1:32 pm.

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